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1. MCCLOY IN ESSEN TODAY, TONIGHT FRANKFURT, TOMORROW STUTTGART, THEN MUNICH, ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY PARTY OF FOUR PERSONS, DEPARTING FOR U.S. EARLY AUGUST.

2. I SAW HIM YESTERDAY AFTER HIS TALK WITH ADENAUER. HE REPORTED AS I REMEMBER;

A. CHANCELLOR'S CHIEF CONCERN SEEMED POSSIBILITY WESTERN DISUNITY DUE APPEASING TACTICS BRITISH. SAID HE LIKED LLOYD AND DISTRUSTED MACMILLAN. HE HAD CONFIDENCE SECRETARY HERTER, BUT FELT THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN US TOO AMENABLE TO BRITISH INFLUENCE.

B. THERE SHOULD BE MEETING OF WESTERN CHIEFS OF STATE BEFORE ANY SUMMIT MEETING.

C. AT SUMMIT MEETING, CHIEF TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION SHOULD BE DISARMAMENT.

D. THINKS US SHOULD ALTER ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE WHICH UNDER DE GAULLE LEADERSHIP HAS AGAIN BECOME STRONG POWER. US DOES

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NOT SEEM REALIZE EXTENT RECENT FAVORABLE CHANGES IN FRANCE HE EMPHASIZED GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO GOOD FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS WHICH ARE UNPALATABLE TO BRITISH, WHO STILL CLING TO ANACHRONISTIC POLICY OF BALANCE OF POWER ON CONTINENT THROUGH DIVISION.

E. DEEP SUSPICION OF BRITISH WAS RECURRENT THEME. MCCLOY TOLD CHANCELLOR HE DID NOT SHARE HIS ESTIMATE OF MACMILLAN, WHO WAS STRONG AND CAPABLE MAN. MOREOVER, WHEN CHIPS WERE DOWN, BRITISH ARE BEST OF ALLIES, ETC. MCCLOY DID NOT KNOW IF HIS DEFENSE OF BRITISH HAD MADE IMPRESSION. HE ADVISED ADENAUER TO HAVE PERSONAL TALK WITH MACMILLAN. CHANCELLOR SAID HE INTENDED TO DO SO AT SUITABLE TIME.

F. MCCLOY DID NOT MENTION ANY DISCUSSION OF GENEVA PROCEEDINGS.

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